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Tennesseans Encouraged to Support Hunger Action Month

DHS continues awareness efforts on child hunger; requests feedback on TN hunger challenges

Nashville –The Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS) is joining forces with Feeding America member food banks to help alleviate hunger across the state through Hunger Action Month this September.

On September 3, Hunger Action Day, DHS staff across the state wore orange and will collect food throughout the month to donate to local food banks. Hunger Action Month corresponds with many programs facilitated by the department with the goal of alleviating hunger and food insecurity, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

"We are committed to ensuring that no Tennessee child goes hungry," said DHS Commissioner Dr. Raquel Hatter. "Continuously working in partnership with community organizations, sister state agencies, businesses, USDA FNS, and Tennessee citizens - who we know are committed as well - will be key for significant impact."

According to Feeding America, 1 in 6 adults and 1 in 4 children struggle with hunger each day.

The purpose of Hunger Action Month is to raise awareness of the prevalence of hunger and food insecurity across the nation and in Tennessee. It correlates with DHS' **No Tennessee Child Should Go Hungry** initiative, which serves to ensure a focus on child hunger in the state. DHS asks that Tennesseans add their strength to the conversation by emailing NoHungryTennesseeChild.DHS@tn.gov. Together, both initiatives are a call to action for Tennesseans to fight hunger in their local communities by donating, volunteering, raising awareness or other activities that support the end of hunger.

Learn more about Hunger Action Month activities near you, or ways to help by contacting the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, or visiting them online at <http://www.secondharvestmidtn.org/>.

More information on Hunger Action Month is available at www.FeedingAmerica.org.

To learn more about the Tennessee Department of Human Services and the *No Tennessee Child Should Go Hungry* initiative visit: <http://www.tn.gov/humanservices/article/dhs-tn-food-programs-initiative>.

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